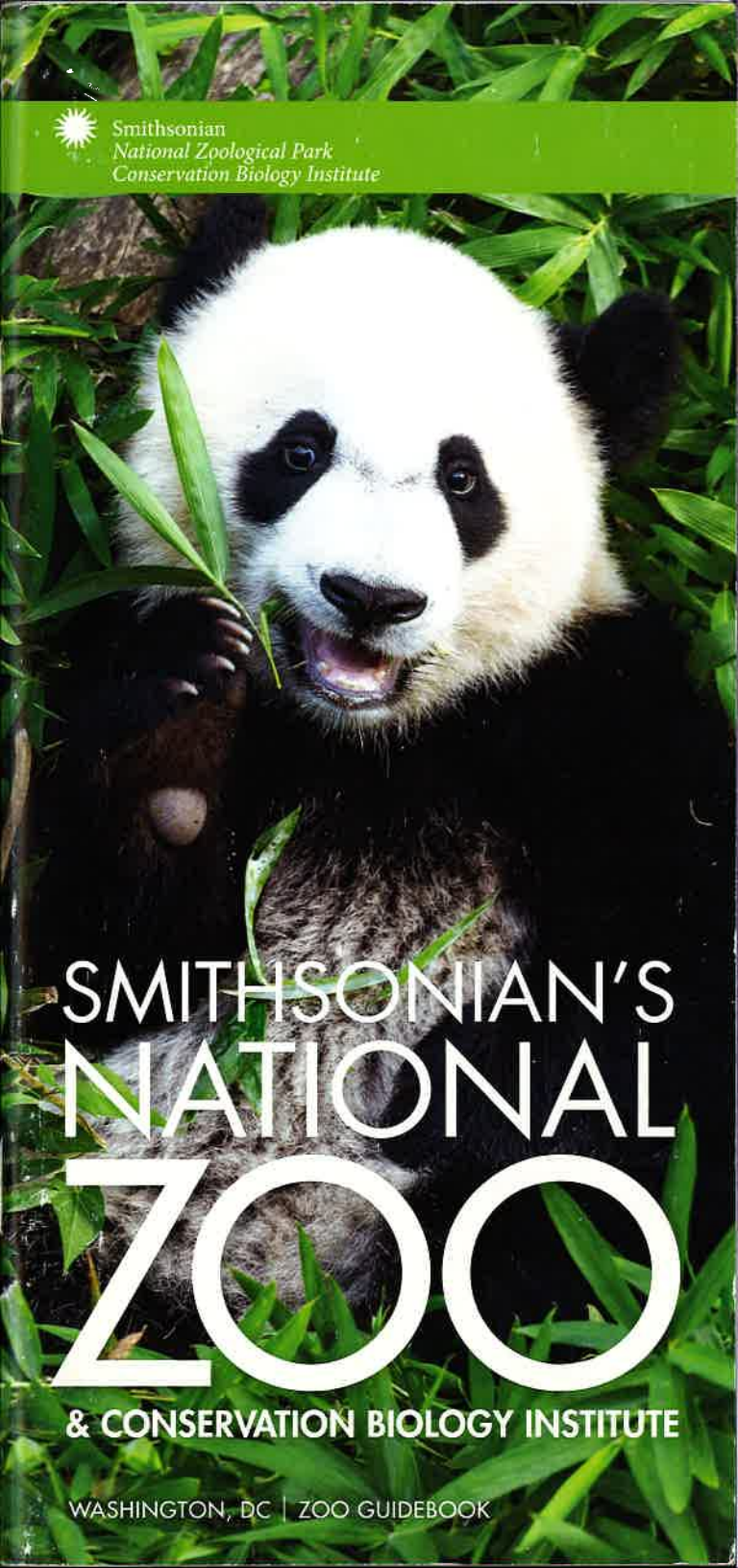
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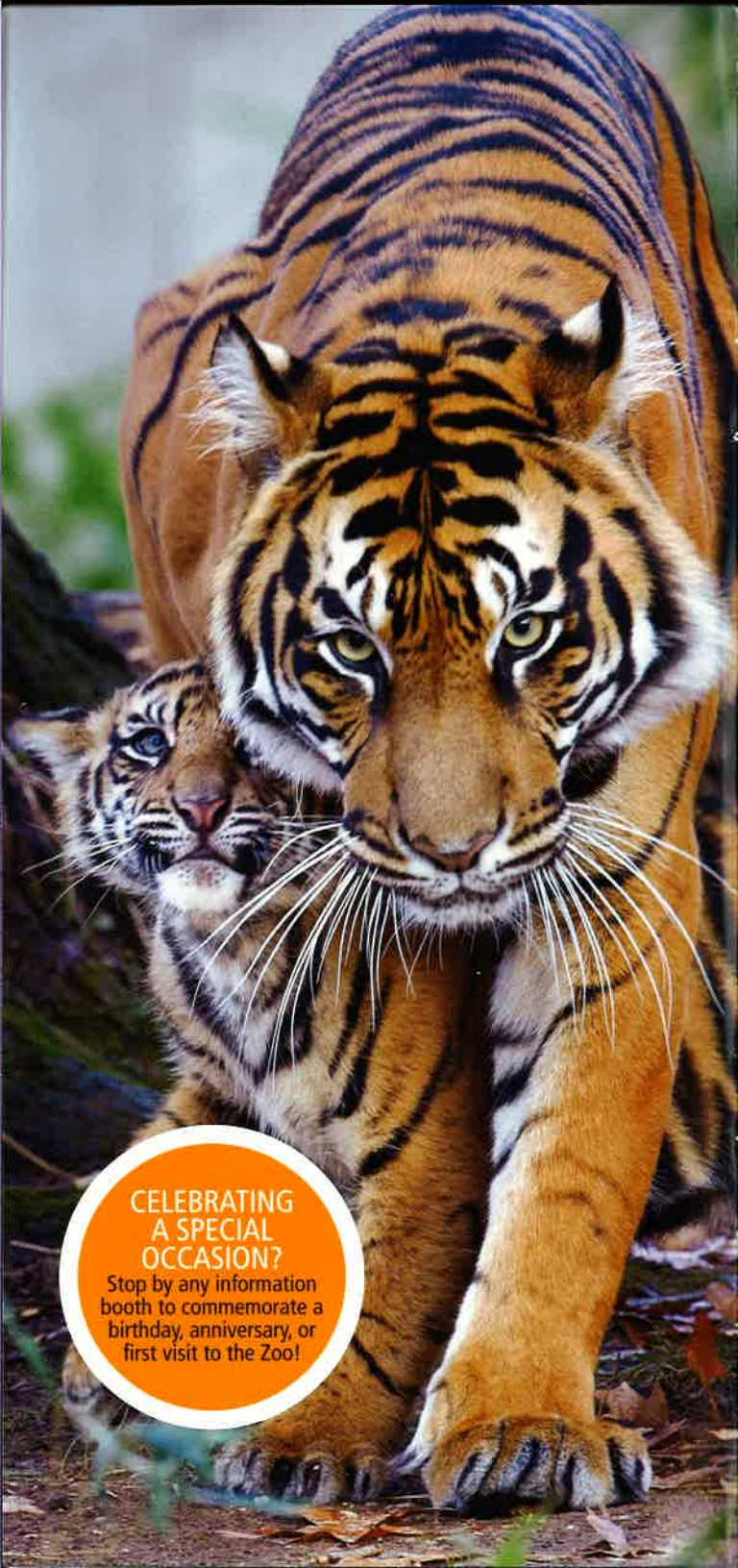
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WELCOME: CONSERVATION STARTS HERE

The Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute is a place where discoveries are made every day. With more than 2,700 animals from 390-plus species, this Guide will lead you on a Zoo journey that may take you to Africa or Asia or the mighty Amazon. You may see animals that were once extinct in the wild—and now are recovering thanks to the work of Zoo scientists. We welcome you to be a part of our conservation movement. Every dollar you spend today—from snacks and souvenirs to becoming a Friends of the National Zoo member—goes to support the Zoo's work in Washington, D.C., and around the globe to save, study and care for animals and habitats.

About the Zoo

Founded in 1889, the Zoo is one of the world's leading zoos and conservation research facilities. Every day, our scientists, animal keepers, veterinarians and other dedicated staff work to save species and build healthy animal populations in the wild. The Zoo is a long-standing accredited member of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, the organization that determines modern zoological standards. AZA accreditation certifies that the Zoo has met or exceeded the AZA's standards for animal care, veterinary programs, conservation, education and safety.

Conservation Across the Globe

The challenge of conservation is not limited to one place or ecosystem, and neither is the reach of the Zoo's species-saving science. Our scientists conduct research on-site and in more than 25 countries across the globe to preserve habitats, protect biodiversity and seek the answers that may help save species from extinction.

About the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute

Tucked into the foothills of Front Royal, Virginia, the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute houses some of the world's most endangered animals on its 3,200-acre campus. SCBI scientists and animal care experts conduct veterinary and reproductive research to save wildlife and habitats. Findings from these studies provide critical data for the management of animal populations in human care and valuable insights for the conservation and management of wild populations. SCBI leads the Smithsonian's global effort to save species, better understand ecosystems and train future generations of conservationists.

Educating and Inspiring the Next Generation of Conservationists

At the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation in Front Royal, Virginia, the next generation of conservationists are trained in interdisciplinary and interactive conservation biology programs. There, undergraduate, graduate and professional students participate in courses taught by prominent scientists and educators. Postdoctoral and graduate students can train with leaders in their field and undergraduate internships provide valuable hands-on science experience.

About Friends of the National Zoo

For 60 years, Friends of the National Zoo has been the dedicated nonprofit partner of the Smithsonian's National Zoo. FONZ supports the Zoo by developing education, membership and volunteer programs; hosting special events; raising funds for exhibits, research and conservation programs; and providing dining, merchandise and other services to visitors. Through FONZ classes and camps, our youngest visitors get inspired to become future scientists and animal care experts. The Zoo also reaches out to visitors through interpreters, our frontline educators who interact with more than a million visitors annually.

WE SAVE SPECIES

With the help of people like you, the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute is making huge breakthroughs in animal care, conservation and science.

Giant Pandas

Ever since giant pandas arrived at the Zoo in 1972, animal care staff and scientists have studied the biology, behavior, breeding, reproduction, disease and ecology of these charismatic bears. A global leader in giant panda conservation, the Zoo has celebrated three successful cub births. Visit the Zoo's pandas at the David M. Rubenstein Family Giant Panda Habitat!

Asian Elephants

Elephant Trails—where visitors can see a multigenerational Asian elephant herd—is the cornerstone of the Zoo's campaign to save this endangered species. Behind the scenes, scientists are studying elephant biology, behavior, reproduction, disease and migration as well as working overseas to help stop poaching and human-elephant conflict in the wild.

Scimitar-Horned Oryx

Once extinct in the wild, oryx are back in their native habitat in Chad thanks to international collaboration and the study of this species in human care, including at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. Zoo scientists are tracking the movement of reintroduced oryx using GPS satellite collars. See the Zoo's oryx at the Cheetah Conservation Station.

Frogs

When mass amphibian extinctions mysteriously occurred across the world, Zoo scientists and partners came to the rescue. They identified the deadly disease—chytridiomycosis—and are racing to find a cure. By studying frogs in human care, scientists hope to better understand the effects of this disease, develop treatments and ultimately reintroduce healthy frogs into their native habitat. Hop over to the Reptile Discovery Center and Amazonia to see our amphibians.

GET STARTED ON THE RIGHT HOOF:

GUEST SERVICES & TIPS

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Start your visit off with these basics.

Locate the essentials like animal exhibits, bathrooms, restaurants and shuttle stops on the map on page 32.

Information Stations are located at the Visitor Center, Panda Plaza and Lion-Tiger Hill.

Strollers, wheelchairs and electronic vehicles are available to rent at Information Stations.

Wild Encounters daily animal demonstrations and keeper talk schedules are free and available at Information Stations or check the calendar at nationalzoo.si.edu/visit from your mobile device.

Restrooms are located at the Visitor Center, Panda Plaza, Amazonia, Elephant Outpost and near Kids' Farm underneath the Conservation Pavilion.

Accessible parking at Parking Lots A, B and D.

ATM is located at the Visitor Center.

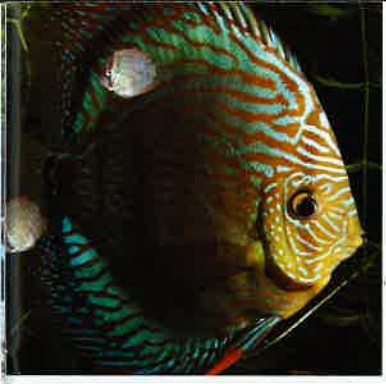
Thirsty? Refillable water stations are available at the Visitor Center, Mane Grill and outside Conservation Pavilion. Water fountains are located by restrooms and throughout the Zoo.

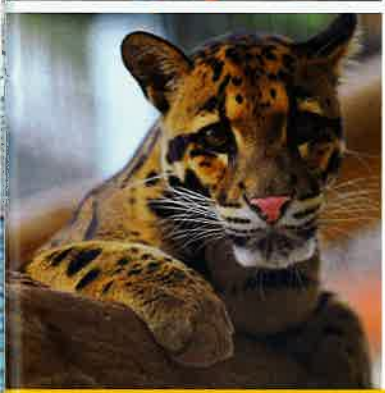
Police Station & First Aid is located behind the Reptile Discovery Center. Need assistance? Call (202) 633-4111.

Lost and Found is located at the Police Station.

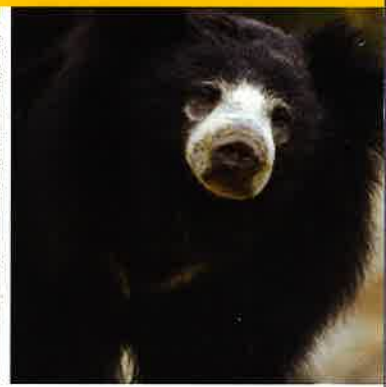
Shuttle service runs between Panda Plaza and Kids' Farm every 15-20 minutes from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Don't sweat the weather! Cool off at the Tide Pool on American Trail or at one of the many Olmsted Walk mister stations. Is it raining or cold? Warm up at an indoor animal exhibit.





ANIMAL EXHIBITS



ASIA TRAIL

ASIAN SMALL-CLAWED OTTER • CLOUDED LEOPARD • FISHING CAT • GIANT PANDA • RED PANDA • SLOTH BEAR

Celebrate Asia's wildlife.

Asia Trail showcases the remarkable range of habitats, behaviors and adaptations of Asian species. Many of these species are at risk from global threats to biodiversity; the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute has a long history of working in Asia on the conservation of these animals. As you travel the trail, learn how our efforts to save species are making a difference for some of Asia's most threatened animals.

FEATURES:

- Daily demonstrations *(weather dependent)*

NEARBY:

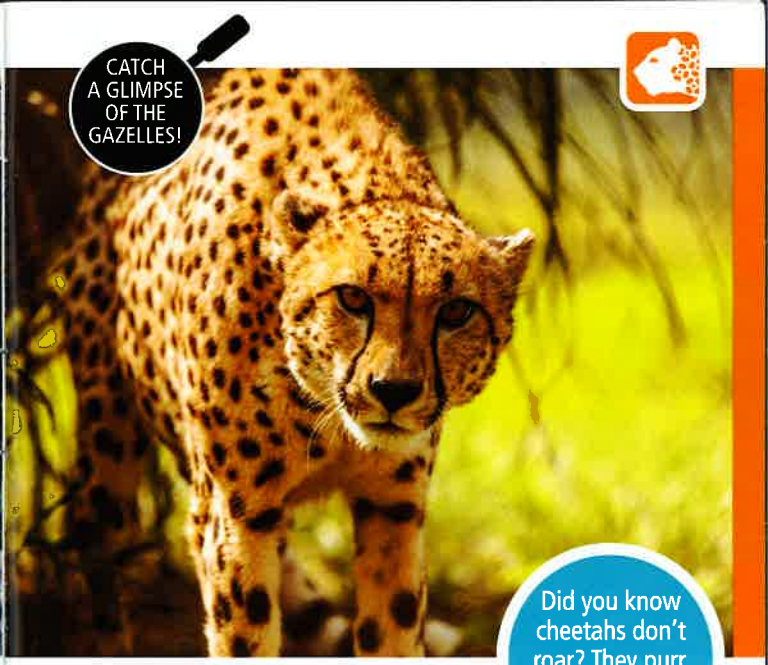
- American bison
- Elephant Trails

AT VISITOR CENTER:

- Information
- Asia Trail Shop
- Restrooms
- ATM

CONSERVATION WORK

For at-risk species like clouded leopards, breeding programs in zoos are critical for survival. But how to get these cats to successfully reproduce proved a mystery. Scientists at the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute led efforts to better understand how clouded leopards mate and how to give cubs the best chances for survival. Our efforts have resulted in new generations of clouded leopards and a hopeful future for this exquisite species.



Did you know cheetahs don't roar? They purr, bark, growl, hiss and chirp.

CHEETAH CONSERVATION STATION

ABYSSINIAN GROUND HORNBILL • CHEETAH • DAMA GAZELLE • GREVY'S ZEBRA • LESSER KUDU • MANED WOLF • RED RIVER HOG • RÜPPEL'S GRIFFON VULTURE • SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX • SITATUNGA

Survival in a changing world.

Species respond and adapt differently to changes in habitat and human activities—some grow increasingly endangered and some maintain robust populations. The animals around the Cheetah Conservation Station include species that are among the most threatened in the world as well as some that have healthy populations in the wild. Why are some species faring better than others? What can we do to better preserve our planet's biodiversity?

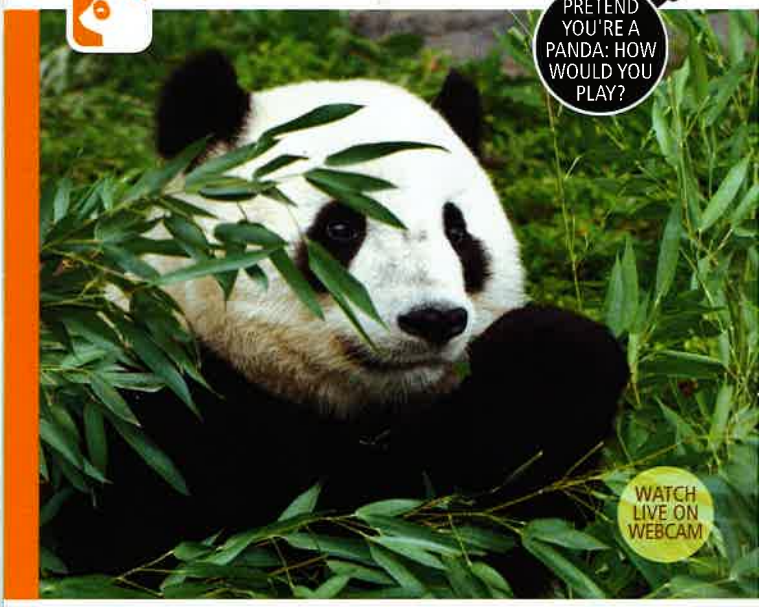
FEATURES:

- Conservation work in Gabon
- Predator pathway
- Weekend demonstrations

NEARBY:

- Visitor Center
- Parking Lot A

In 2016, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute scientists helped reintroduce scimitar-horned oryx—extinct in the wild since the 1980s—back into their native habitat in partnership with the Environment Agency–Abu Dhabi and the Government of Chad. Our scientists are now collecting behavioral data from satellite collars on the reintroduced oryx. We will use this data to guide conservation actions for the future of the species.



DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN FAMILY GIANT PANDA HABITAT

GIANT PANDA

Black and white and adored all over.

Since 1972, the Zoo's giant pandas have been seen by millions of visitors. The Panda Cam sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund brings our animals to viewers 24-7 and allows the world to celebrate the successful birth of cubs. The Zoo's giant panda exhibit tells the story of the animals' special place in our history, the remarkable mating and breeding research we have pioneered, and our outstanding panda care program.

FEATURES:

- Daily demonstrations
- Indoor and outdoor exhibits
- Panda Overlook *(seasonal)*

AT PANDA PLAZA:

- Information
- Restrooms
- Bus Lot
- Panda Shop
- Panda Grill & vending machines

CONSERVATION WORK

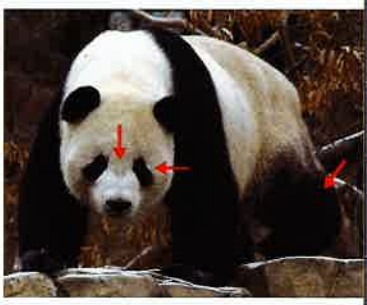
The Zoo is renowned for our efforts to learn about giant pandas. In the spirit of global cooperation, we work with colleagues in China to understand the species' unique breeding habits and improve the chances of a successful birth. For endangered animals like giant pandas, our research accomplishments play a critical role in saving a species.

Meet the Pandas

The Zoo is home to one breeding pair of giant pandas, Mei Xiang and Tian Tian, and their cub Bei Bei. Giant pandas are solitary in the wild, and the Zoo's pandas also live separately from one another.

Tian Tian (t-YEN t-YEN), *male*

- Name means "more and more"
- Born Aug. 27, 1997, at the China Research and Conservation Center for the Giant Panda in China's Sichuan Province
- Weighs approximately 260 pounds



DISTINGUISHING MARKS INCLUDE:

- Black "socks" on his hind legs and around his knees
- Eye patches shaped like kidney beans
- Two black dots across the bridge of his nose

Mei Xiang (may-SHONG), *female*

- Name means "beautiful fragrance"
- Born July 22, 1998, at the China Research and Conservation Center for the Giant Panda in China's Sichuan Province
- Weighs approximately 230 pounds

DISTINGUISHING MARKS INCLUDE:

- Black "socks" extend all the way up her hind legs
- Oval eye patches
- Pale black band across the bridge of her nose

Bei Bei (bay-BAY), *male*

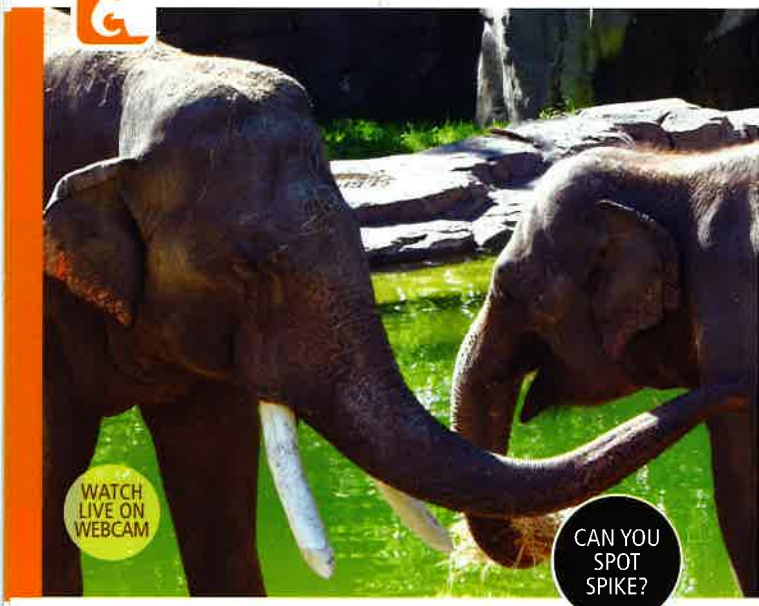
- Name means "precious treasure"
- Born Aug. 22, 2015, at the Zoo as a result of artificial insemination
- Weighs approximately 200 pounds

DISTINGUISHING MARKS INCLUDE:

- Harp-shaped eye patches
- Two black dots on the bridge of his nose that often look like a "V"

WATCH ANIMALS LIVE ON OUR WEBCAMS

Visit the Zoo virtually by tuning in to our live webcams! Follow the pandas, elephants and lions any day, any time.



ELEPHANT TRAILS

ASIAN ELEPHANTS

Meet our multi-generational herd.

Elephant Trails is one of the most expansive exhibits at the Zoo. You can see the animals up close in the Elephant Community Center, strolling around the outdoor yards, and walking up the Zoo's unique Elephant Trek—a pathway specifically designed to give these animals a chance to roam. Learn what makes an elephant an elephant and why these animals have become so endangered. Our multi-generational herd provides a rich opportunity for Zoo staff—and you—to better understand the care of this species.

FEATURES:

- Daily demonstrations
- *Elephant Community Center*
- *Homer and Martha Gudelsky Elephant Outpost*
- *Elephant Trek*

NEARBY:

- Shopping *(seasonal)*
- Restrooms
- Parking Lot B

CONSERVATION WORK

For over 100 years, scientists from the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute have led efforts to improve understanding of the care and conservation of Asian elephants. Our work led to the discovery of elephant herpesvirus, one of the biggest threats to young elephants in zoos. Both here at the Zoo and on the ground in Asia, we are committed to ensuring a future for this magnificent species.

Did you know baby stingrays are called pups?

AMAZONIA & SCIENCE GALLERY

ARAPAIMA • ARRAU TURTLE • CORAL • ELECTRIC EEL • FRESHWATER STINGRAY • POISON DART FROG • RED-BELLIED PIRANHA • ROSEATE SPOONBILL • TITI MONKEY • AND MANY, MANY MORE

Bom dia! Enjoy the discoveries you will find.

Venture into Amazonia to get up close to the amazing animals that thrive in the Amazon River, the largest river basin in the world. Explore the flooded forest rich with different fish and turtle species; can you spot all the colorful tropical birds along the walkway through the rainforest? Learn how people connect to this region, both through traditions as well as through today's research and conservation programs.

FEATURES:

- Daily demonstrations
- *Coral Lab* Exhibit
- *Amphibian Alert* Exhibit
- *Electric Fishes Demonstration Lab*
- Restrooms

In the late 1990s, Zoo scientists were part of a team that discovered one of the world's greatest threats to amphibians—the chytrid fungus. Since the discovery of the disease, we have been a conservation leader in global efforts to stop the spread of chytrid and protect frogs and other amphibians.

AMERICAN TRAIL

AMERICAN BEAVER • BALD EAGLE • BROWN PELICAN • CALIFORNIA SEA LION • COMMON RAVEN • GRAY SEAL • GRAY WOLF • HARBOR SEAL • NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER • WOOD DUCK

Explore the treasures of North America.

Diverse and magnificent animals are among our country's greatest treasures. Meander the pathways of American Trail and get up close to gray wolves and California sea lions. Make connections between the animals you see on American Trail and the natural habitats in which the species live. Curious to see these animals in the wild? Visit the protected areas designated as National Marine Sanctuaries.

FEATURES:

- Daily demonstrations
- *Get Your Feet Wet* splash area *(seasonal)*
- Seal Rock Café *(seasonal)*

NEARBY:

- Andean bear

CONSERVATION WORK

Our debris can have a big impact on coastal and marine species. One of the Zoo's wild-born brown pelicans now must live under human care because it was injured when it was caught in abandoned fishing gear. Test your knowledge of what to do with old fishing gear and discover how you can help preserve the fragile habitats in which diverse species live.

Did you know male donkeys are called "jacks" and females are "jennets"?

KIDS' FARM

ALPACA • CHICKEN • COW • DONKEY • GOAT • HOG • KOI • CATFISH

Get to know what lives on a farm!

A farm in the middle of Washington, D.C.? Of course! The Kids' Farm welcomes visitors of all ages, and especially children, to meet and learn about the many types of animals that have been bred over centuries to live with humans. From pets, to clothes, to food, we look to domesticated animals to supply us with any number of products. Discover how we care for our farm animals, and try your hand at being a "farm hand."

FEATURES:

- Daily demonstrations
- Indoor barn

NEARBY:

- Me and the Bee Playground sponsored by Land O'Lakes, Inc. COMING SOON
- Conservation Pavilion
- Mane Grill *(near Lion-Tiger Hill)*
- Parking Lot D
- Restrooms

Over thousands of years, people have studied domestication and what is needed to care for different species. Farms today, like the Kids' Farm, reflect those practices and knowledge. What humans have learned by keeping domesticated animals can help us at the Zoo better sustain the animals now under our care.

LOOK FOR ALL THE LEMURS!

SMALL MAMMAL HOUSE

FENNEC FOX • GOLDEN LION TAMARIN • NAKED MOLE-RAT • RED-RUFFED LEMUR • SAND CAT • SLENDER-TAILED MEERKAT • STRIPED SKUNK • TAMANDUA • THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO • TWO-TOED SLOTH • BENNETT'S WALLABY

See small wonders up close.

This beautiful 1937 building houses many of the Zoo's small mammals, a diverse collection from around the globe. Look up, down, underneath, in the dark and all around to catch glimpses of the many species found here. You may see rare animals that were on the verge of extinction, such as tamarins and black-footed ferrets, or something you may be able to see in your own backyard—the striped skunk.

FEATURES:

- Daily demonstrations
- *The Inside Story* Exhibit
- Outdoor exhibits *(seasonal)* including Bennett's Wallaby

NEARBY:

- Hot Dog Diner *(seasonal)*
- Parking Lot B
- Parking Lot C *(seasonal)*
- Restrooms at Elephant Outpost

CONSERVATION WORK

The Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute has been working to save critically endangered tamarins since the 1970s. Today, thanks to our conservation work and reintroduction into the wild of zoo-born tamarins, their populations in the wild are self-sustaining. Learn what you can do to ensure a future for many of the threatened species of small mammals.

Did you know that gorillas have both distinctive fingerprints and unique nose prints?

GREAT APE HOUSE & THINK TANK

GREAT APE HOUSE: ORANGUTAN • WESTERN LOWLAND GORILLA

THINK TANK: ALLEN'S SWAMP MONKEY • LAND HERMIT CRAB • NORWAY RAT • ORANGUTAN • SCHMIDT'S RED-TAILED MONKEY

Think about it.

Meet some of humanity's closest relatives at Think Tank and the Great Ape House. Here, you can see the highly social and intelligent gorillas and orangutans as well as other primates and small animals. You can even test your skill and strength against an orangutan. Discover how animals think and communicate, and learn about the Zoo's enduring research centered around primate cognition. Don't forget to keep an eye out for an orangutan on the O-Line!

FEATURES:

- O-Line
- Indoor and outdoor exhibits
- Daily demonstrations

NEARBY:

- *Gibbon Ridge*
- *Lemur Island*

Gorillas and orangutans are critically endangered as a result of habitat loss, wildlife trafficking and other threats. The Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute staff is actively working on the conservation of apes in the wild. We are also leaders in field conservation and breeding management programs for apes.

CAN YOU LOCATE THE LEMUR TREE FROG?

REPTILE DISCOVERY CENTER

ALDABRA TORTOISE • AMERICAN ALLIGATOR • CUBAN CROCODILE • DIAMONDBACK RATTLESNAKE • GABOON VIPER • GREEN ANACONDA • KING COBRA • KOMODO DRAGON • PANAMANIAN GOLDEN FROG, AND MANY, MANY MORE

Discover what's inside the historic reptile house.

From the green anaconda (the world's largest snake) to some of the rarest frogs, the Reptile Discovery Center celebrates the diversity, beauty and unique adaptations of reptiles and amphibians. They are some of the most threatened groups of animals on Earth. What makes them particularly vulnerable to such risks as disease, global climate change and the pet and food trade? Zoo researchers are learning the answers—and what we can all do to make a difference.

FEATURES:

- Daily demonstrations
- *Appalachian Salamander Lab*
- Outdoor exhibits *(seasonal)*

NEARBY:

- Dippin Dots® *(seasonal)*
- Police Station and First Aid

CONSERVATION WORK

About an hour's drive from the Zoo lies the range of the world's greatest diversity of salamanders—the Appalachian region. Scientists from the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute are studying the salamanders found in this area to better understand how the spread of diseases, our use of fossil fuels and habitat destruction affect these highly sensitive species. What can we do to save these "jewels" of Appalachia?

Did you know a lion's roar can be heard up to 5 miles away?

GREAT CATS

AFRICAN LION • AMUR TIGER • SUMATRAN TIGER

Cool creatures. Big predators. Scary future.

Both revered and feared, lions and tigers are the top predators in their native habitats. And yet their strategies for survival, hunting and reproduction are as different as can be. Under its stripes, what makes a tiger such a perfect predator? Beyond their roars, how do lions maintain social structure in a pride?

NEARBY:

- Information
- *Speedwell Foundation Conservation Carousel*
- Patagonian Mara

ACROSS OLMSTED WALK:

- Great Cats Shop
- Prairie dog
- *Prairie Dog Playland*
- *Lemur Island*
- North American porcupine
- Restrooms
- Mane Grill
- Conservation Pavilion

Staff from the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute have been working on the ground in Asia to help save the world's tiger populations. Closer to home, you can also make a difference for animals like the critically endangered Sumatran tiger. Learn more, think about what you buy, and be thoughtful in how you travel.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ANIMAL KEEPER

Ever wondered what it would be like to care for exotic animals? For the Zoo's animal keepers the job entails providing animals with physically and mentally stimulating activities and working hard behind the scenes preparing diets, training animals for husbandry and veterinary care, studying animal behavior and cleaning habitats. Passionate about animals and the environment? Learn more about what it takes to work at a zoo—visit nationalzoo.si.edu/education.

SEXING A SALAMANDER
Similar to how an egg can be held up to light to view the embryo inside, keepers can also hold a salamander up to light to determine its sex. This is a female. Look closely. Can you see the eggs inside of her?

PAINTING WITH PANDAS
Nontoxic water-based painting is just one activity that falls under the Zoo's Animal Enrichment program. Zoo animals have the opportunity to use their natural abilities and behaviors in new ways. Here, male giant panda Tian Tian uses his pseudo-thumb to grip a paintbrush, the same way he is able to grasp bamboo.

LEMUR LEARNING

To keep ring-tailed lemurs engaged throughout the day, keepers give them a wide variety of enrichment. This is good mental stimulation for the lemurs and provides keepers an opportunity to examine them up close. Training lemurs to hold carabiners and stand still for a short period makes it easier for keepers to weigh the animals while on a scale. If they hang on to the carabiners, they get raisins as a reward.

BUILDING TRUST

Red pandas have thick fur coats, so the best way for keepers to assess their body condition is by gently feeling different areas of their bodies, such as their ribs and hips. It's important that animals are acclimated to keepers' touch so they can evaluate their health. If the Zoo's red pandas choose to participate, they get their favorite treats: grapes and apple slices.

KEEPER TALKS & ANIMAL DEMONSTRATIONS

Introducing visitors to the Zoo's animals is one of the most important jobs keepers do. Through daily demonstrations, keepers share amazing, bizarre and fascinating animal facts. Keepers inspire guests to appreciate animals on a deeper level and learn how they can help conserve and protect animals.

TORTOISE TRAINING

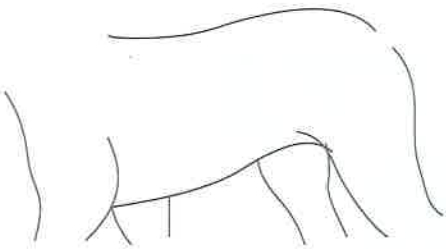
Aldabra tortoises forage by stretching their necks to reach fruits, flowers and leaves. Keepers use a favorite treat (lettuce) to encourage them to stretch as vets perform health exams, including blood draws. Our tortoises voluntarily participate in this medical training, making procedures faster and stress-free.

DID YOU KNOW A GROUP OF LEMURS IS CALLED A CONSPIRACY?

Fancy Creations

Design your own butterfly wing patterns!

Let your imagination run wild and create a fantasy animal! Complete the animal's head, feet and tail.



What kind of fish would you like to draw today?

DID YOU KNOW A BEAVER'S TEETH ARE ORANGE AND NEVER STOP GROWING?

THINGS TO DO AT THE ZOO

WILD ENCOUNTERS

Wild Encounters include animal trainings, feeding demonstrations and keeper talks. Pick up a daily schedule at any Information Station or check nationalzoo.si.edu/visit from your mobile device.

SNAP AND SHARE A PHOTO

Envision yourself as a Zoo vet or as a fierce lion. Take your photo at one of the fun Zoo Crew photos stations located along Olmsted Walk. Don't forget to share on social media and tag the Zoo! See the Guide's back cover or page 28 for the Zoo's social media handles.

SPOT AN ORANGUTAN ON THE O-LINE

A suspended cable track, known as the O-Line, gives the orangutans freedom to travel between their yards at Think Tank and the Great Ape House. Orangutans have access between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting.

TAKE A RIDE ON THE CAROUSEL

Take a spin on the Speedwell Foundation Conservation Carousel, one of only a few solar-powered carousels in the world. It features 58 custom-carved animals, including many endangered species that you can see at the Zoo. Tickets can be purchased at the Carousel.

ME & THE BEE PLAYGROUND *Sponsored by Land O' Lakes, Inc.* COMING SOON

Dart from flower to flower and burrow like a mason bee at this pollinator-themed playground. Discover how you and bees are connected—and how important they are to keeping habitats healthy.

MEET AND GREET AN ANIMAL AT KIDS' FARM

Children of all ages, especially 3-8 year olds, will delight at the opportunity to meet farm animals up close at Kids' Farm.

PLAY LIKE A PRAIRIE DOG

Get a prairie dog's perspective on the world and crawl through a series of tubes that resemble their underground tunnels! Pop up "above ground," and look through scopes to scan for predators. Located near Lemur Island.

Seasonal Attractions:

GET YOUR FEET WET IN THE TIDE POOL

Kids, and kids at heart, are invited to splash through an imitation tide pool along American Trail.

RIDE THE ZOO CHOO CHOO

This miniature, trackless train takes visitors on a 3-5 minute loop around the Great Meadow. Appropriate for ages 2-11. Tickets can be purchased at the Panda Plaza and Lion-Tiger Hill Information Stations.

SLIDE THE ZOO TUBES

Ride down the 100-foot-long tubing track at Lion-Tiger Hill. Tickets can be purchased at the Panda Plaza and Lion-Tiger Hill Information Stations..

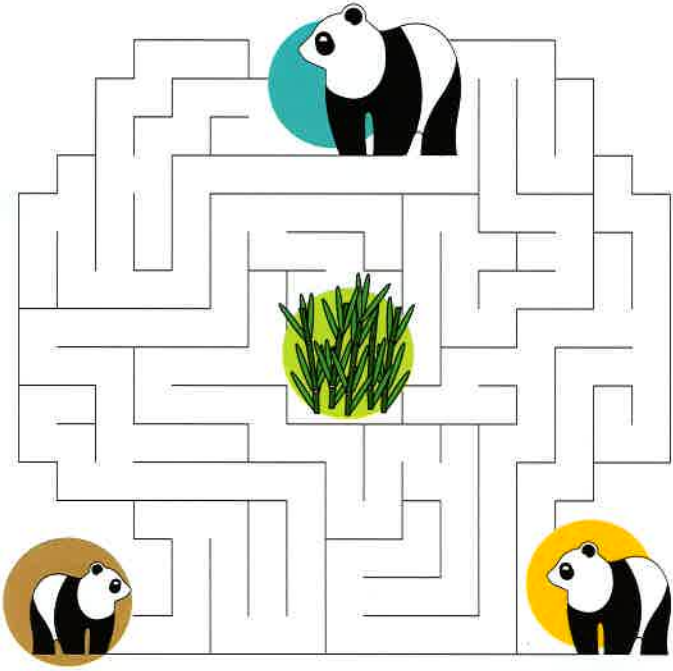
TWEET TWEET! LOOKING FOR BIRDS?

Renovations have already begun to transform the Zoo's historic Bird House into Experience Migration, an exhibit celebrating the billions of birds that travel extraordinary distances year after year. Visitors will explore the lives of shorebirds, waterfowl and songbirds in habitats that depict stopover, breeding and nonbreeding phases of migratory birds' annual cycles.

You can still see birds and learn about them!

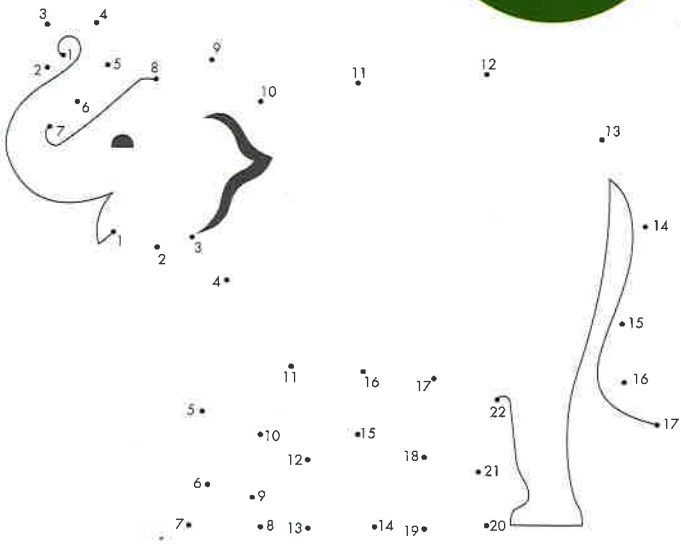
- See birds at the Zoo—visit American Trail, Amazonia, Cheetah Conservation Station and the Small Mammal House
- Check the wild encounters guide or the Zoo's website for bird-banding demonstrations
- Follow the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center to get the latest on migratory bird science **@SMBC** on Twitter and **Migratory Bird Center** on Facebook
- Visit the Zoo's website **nationalzoo.si.edu** to get tips on how to be bird friendly at home

Help the pandas find their way to the bamboo



Did you know an elephant's trunk is a fusion of its nose and upper lip?

Connect the dots



SHOPPING & DINING

Shopping

ASIA TRAIL SHOP Located in the Visitor Center, the Asia Trail Shop showcases an eclectic variety of merchandise ranging from key chains and mugs, plush animals, toys, games, and books to animal-themed apparel, accessories, and household decorations from all over the globe, featuring several lines of fair-trade and earth-friendly creations.

PANDA SHOP Next to the Panda Grill in the Panda Plaza is your one-stop shopping destination for all things panda!

GREAT CATS SHOP Across from the scenic waterfall of Lemur Island and the Speedwell Foundation Conservation Carousel, find wild plush animals, toys, games, souvenirs and other items.

Dining

The Zoo offers a wide variety of dining options throughout the park. Kid-friendly, vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options are often available.

MANE GRILL: Located near Lion-Tiger Hill. SIGNATURE DISH: Braised chicken thighs marinated in Greek seasoning and yogurt, on a grilled pita. Plus, traditional grill favorites, including Angus beef burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, chicken tenders, veggie burgers, salads and kids' meals. Also serving Smithsonian Bird Friendly Coffee.

PANDA GRILL: Located near the Bus Lot and Panda Shop at Panda Plaza. Serving chicken tenders, pizza and veggie burgers.

HOT DOG DINER *(open seasonally)*: Located directly across from the Small Mammal House. Serving all-natural and chemical-free beef hot dogs with creative toppings, such as sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, Russian dressing, blue cheese and black pepper. Get a footlong hot dog and local craft beers. ICEE® frozen drinks also available.

PANDA OVERLOOK *(open seasonally)*: Overlooking the David M. Rubenstein Family Giant Panda Habitat. The cafe offers Asian-inspired menu items and kids' meals. Also serving Smithsonian Bird Friendly Coffee and espresso coffee drinks.

SEAL ROCK CAFE *(open seasonally)*: Located on American Trail. Serving all-natural and chemical-free beef hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, whole fruit and cold beverages. ICEE® frozen drinks and Dippin' Dots® also available.

HONEYBEE ICE CREAM: Indulge in waffle cones with honey drizzle and cinnamon granola, enjoy a single scoop or create your own sundae. Located at the Plaza by Conservation Pavilion.

$5 OFF A PREMIER ZOO MEMBERSHIP WHEN YOU JOIN OR RENEW

Memberships are available at membership kiosks, information booths and gift shops. Redeem online at fonz.org/mapoffer. May not be combined with other offers.

FREE PAPER PANDA EARS $2 RETAIL VALUE

Available at Asia Trail Shop, Panda Shop or Great Cats Shop, limit one per coupon.

$3 OFF ZOO GIFT SHOP PURCHASE WHEN YOU SPEND $30 OR MORE

May not be combined with other offers.

$2 OFF A FOOD PURCHASE OF $20 OR MORE

May not be combined with other offers.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Just by buying this Guide, you've already helped support the Zoo's efforts to save species around the world. But there is much more you can do. Visit **nationalzoo.si.edu/support**.

ROUND UP FOR CONSERVATION

While visiting the Zoo, you may be asked to round up for conservation at retail and restaurant locations. When you choose to "Round Up" your purchase to the nearest dollar, your spare change directly funds animal care and wildlife conservation efforts around the world.

BECOME A MEMBER

By becoming a FONZ member, you'll help the Zoo save species and get great benefits for you and your family each time you visit!

MAKE A DONATION

Donations support the Zoo's conservation programs here and around the world. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of another person.

IN LIEU OF GIFTS ASK FOR DONATIONS

For your next birthday or special occasion, start a fundraising page and help save animals. Be an ambassador for wildlife with FONZ's Conservation Nation. **conservationnation.org**

ADOPT A SPECIES

Adopt packages are a great way to support the Zoo's global efforts to save species and are tax-deductible. From the bald eagle to the giant panda, we have the perfect package for everyone.

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT

Animal keepers use enrichment program donations to purchase physically and mentally stimulating toys for all the Zoo's animals.

GIVE AT WORK

Double or triple your impact by making a donation to FONZ through your company's workplace giving program. Federal employees may support the Zoo by designating Friends of the National Zoo through the Combined Federal Campaign (10782).

VOLUNTEER

Help out with animal care, research projects, education programs, special events and more.

JOIN OUR HERD

Get your animal fix and stay in touch.

ZOO WEBCAMS

Visit the Zoo virtually by tuning in to our live webcams! Follow the pandas, elephants and lions any day, any time. Coming soon—naked mole-rat cam! **nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams**

ANIMALS IN YOUR INBOX

Visit our website to sign up for National Zoo News to get the latest and grr-eatest on Zoo animals and conservation efforts here and around the world. **nationalzoo.si.edu/email**

WEBSITE

Did you know a tiger's stripes are not just on its fur? Their skin is also striped. The Zoo's website is your one-stop shop for all things animal from A to Z. **nationalzoo.si.edu**

SOCIAL MEDIA

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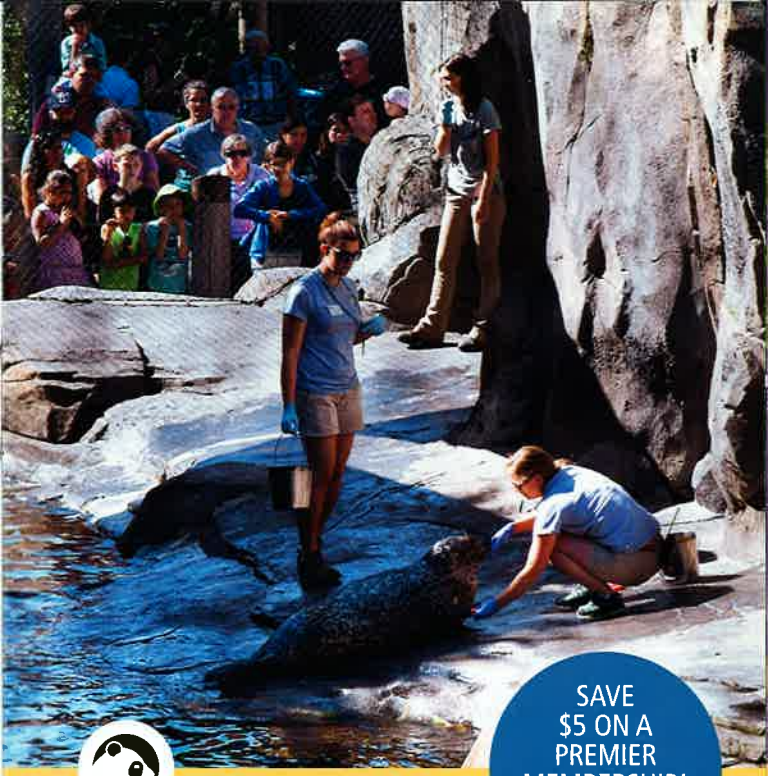
CAMPS, CLASSES AND SLEEPOVERS, OH MY!

Live in the D.C. region? Whether you're 5, 15, 25 or 50, Friends of the National Zoo offers all ages educational programming through camps, classes, overnights (for kids + adults), school programs and lectures. Undergraduate, graduate and professional training is offered through the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation. **nationalzoo.si.edu/education**



SAVE $5 ON A PREMIER MEMBERSHIP!
coupon on page 25

BECOME A MEMBER

With a **Friends of the National Zoo membership**, you and your family can enjoy a full year of free parking (at the Premier level and above), special access to member-only events, reduced-price camps and classes, free rides, and discounts on food, beverages and in the Zoo gift shops. Even better, your membership with FONZ helps support the species-saving research and conservation work being done by Zoo scientists in D.C. and around the world! Join at all Zoo gift shops, membership kiosks *(seasonally)*, or online at **fonz.org/join**.

RENEW OR UPGRADE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Upgrade your membership for access to many exclusive benefits, including fascinating tour opportunities. **fonz.org/donor**

GIVE A GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Share the fun! Your recipient will enjoy full FONZ member benefits, including free parking (at the Premier level and above) and discounts on events, camps and classes. Gift memberships can be purchased at all Zoo gift shops, information stations, membership kiosks *(seasonally)*, or online at **fonz.org/gift**.

EVENTS

From fine food to family fun, the Zoo hosts a variety of events throughout the year. Proceeds support the Zoo's research, conservation and animal care. Visit **nationalzoo.si.edu/events**.

Earth Optimism Day *(April)*: The Zoo is your go-to place to participate in green-themed activities. **FREE**

Easter Monday: A Washington Family Tradition *(March or April)*: Enjoy a day at the Zoo with an egg hunt, field games and more. **FREE**

World Migratory Bird Day *(May)*: Family-friendly activities, games and demonstrations—all in the name of bird conservation. **FREE**

ZooFari *(May)*: Support the Zoo's species-saving work while sampling gourmet food and fine wine at this annual fundraiser. **fonz.org/zoofari**

Brew at the Zoo *(July)*: Raise your glass to conservation while sampling craft beers from more than 70 breweries. **fonz.org/brew**

Zoo Uncorked *(September)*: Toast wildlife conservation at the Zoo's annual wine-tasting event. **fonz.org/uncorked**

ZooFiesta *(September)*: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with food, fun and special animal demonstrations. **FREE**

Conservation Discovery Day *(October)*: Head to the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute to learn how you can join our conservation ranks. **FREE**; paid parking pass required

Boo at the Zoo *(October)*: Bring the whole family for an evening of trick-or-treating at the Zoo. **fonz.org/boo**

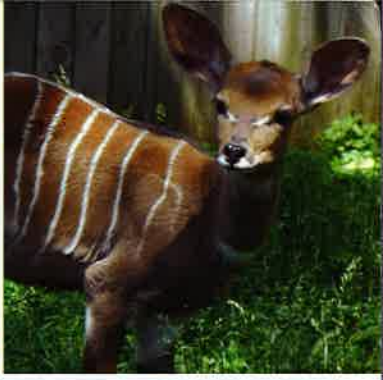
Night of the Living Zoo *(October)*: Enjoy a frightfully good time at the Zoo's adult Halloween event. **fonz.org/nolz**

ZooLights powered by Pepco *(November-January)*: Brighten your holiday season with the Zoo's annual light display. **FREE**

BrewLights *(December)*: Chill out while sampling craft beers and seasonal snacks in support of conservation. **fonz.org/brewlights**

HOST YOUR EVENT

Corporate events at the Zoo are easy! From catering and tents to group activities and entertainment, we can take care of all the arrangements for 10 to 10,000 people. Let us customize a perfectly wild event for you!



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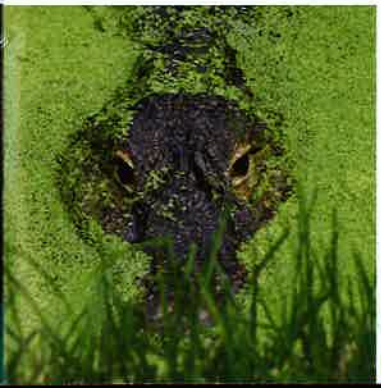

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ZOO ADMISSION IS ALWAYS FREE!

ZOO HOURS

March 15 through September 30: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
(Buildings: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; *Visitor Center* opens at 8 a.m. *Amazonia* opens at 10 a.m.)

October 1 through March 14: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(Buildings: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *Visitor Center* opens at 8 a.m. *Amazonia* opens at 10 a.m.)

The Zoo is open every day except December 25.
Zoo hours are subject to change.

VISIT THE ZOO FROM ANYWHERE

Watch our live animal webcams, get facts and learn about conservation efforts to save animals and habitats. **nationalzoo.si.edu**.

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Help save endangered animals and help yourself to great benefits! FONZ members enjoy free and discounted admission to more than 140 zoos and aquariums across the country, including many valuable discounts and member-only event invitations at the Smithsonian's National Zoo. Even better, your membership with FONZ helps support the species-saving research and conservation work of Zoo scientists in D.C. and around the world. Join at fonz.org/join.

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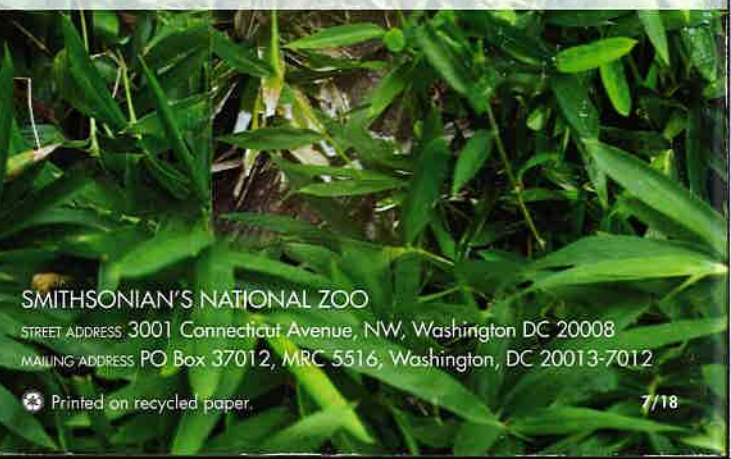

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